



# HOWDEN SCHOOL

Derwent Road • Howden • East Yorkshire • DN14 7AL  
T: 01430 430448 • F: 01430 432435 • E: [office@howdenschool.net](mailto:office@howdenschool.net)  
Headteacher: Mr G Cannon

18 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carer

In light of the rapidly changing situation regarding Covid-19, I am writing to update you again on the situation at Howden School. This is to keep you informed regarding both our response and our decision making process.

We have reviewed our current staffing levels and the situation over the coming days. Reluctantly, I have to inform you that we will have insufficient staff to be able to open the school safely for all students. From Thursday 19 March, we will be open for students in Years 7 and 11 and will be closed for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. We have made this decision to support the Year 11 students as they prepare for the upcoming examination series. We have also decided to continue to teach Year 7 students in school because they are our youngest students and are more likely to need a parent or carer to stay at home with them, which would mean the parents / carers would be unavailable for work.

In addition, any students who have a parent or carer in key services will be able to attend school so their parent / carer can continue to work. These arrangements will be in place, in the first instance, until and including Friday 20 March.

Any student who has to stay at home either because of government guidance regarding self-isolation or because of the partial closure of the school will have access to a large bank of online learning. These resources have been developed by our own staff and are relevant and specific to the curriculum students are following.

The platform will be live from the morning of Thursday 19 March and instructions of how to access this will follow in the coming days.

Today we began the process of identifying which students will need to have access to school because their primary carer is a key worker in the health or education systems. The quickest way to do this was by asking the students if their primary carer works in any of the following sectors and would be required to miss work to look after the student.

- Working in healthcare or social care (e.g. nurses, doctors, paramedics, care workers, midwives, health visitors, social workers, cleaners, caretakers, nursery assistants)
- Staff working in a school – where the school remain open (e.g. teachers, TAs, cleaners, caretakers, lunchtime supervisors)

Report Bullying Concerns at [beatbullying@howdenschool.net](mailto:beatbullying@howdenschool.net)



THE CONSORTIUM  
ACADEMY TRUST



# HOWDEN SCHOOL

Derwent Road • Howden • East Yorkshire • DN14 7AL  
T: 01430 430448 • F: 01430 432435 • E: [office@howdenschool.net](mailto:office@howdenschool.net)  
Headteacher: Mr G Cannon

This approach provides a rough estimate and is not an ideal way of gathering accurate information. Therefore, if you work in any of those areas and would be required to miss work if your child could not come to school please let us know as soon as possible by email [enquiries@howdenschool.net](mailto:enquiries@howdenschool.net) so that we can establish registers of which students we will expect to attend school. Please be aware that students attending under these arrangements will not have access to their full normal timetable. However, we will look after them, ensure they have access to resources, have meals and break times. This is a genuine effort on our part to help relieve some of the burden on the NHS and thus help to protect the most vulnerable people in our society.

Over the last few days, we have been struck by the maturity and sensible behaviour of our students. We know however, that many young people are anxious about this challenging national and international situation. We will continue to reassure them that the measures we are taking do not mean they are at more risk and that medical experts assure us that young people are at the lowest risk of serious symptoms from this virus.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your support at this difficult time. We will continue to update students and parents / carers through the school website, emails and social media.

Mr G Cannon  
Headteacher

---

Report Bullying Concerns at [beatbullying@howdenschool.net](mailto:beatbullying@howdenschool.net)



THE CONSORTIUM  
ACADEMY TRUST